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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS-CHINESE RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAAUW  
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WILL VISIT PEKING EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE DUTCH HAVE  
REPLIED TO THE CHINESE REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR STUDENTS  
BY SAYING THEY AGREE IN PRINCIPLE AND HAVE ASKED THE CHINESE  
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF  
THE STUDENTS' PREVIOUS TRAINING. THE DUTCH ARE RATHER  
CAUTIOUS REGARDING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CHINESE/JAPANESE  
TREATY AND SEE SOME POSSIBLE DANGERS FOR THE WEST AND

FOR JAPAN. A RECENT DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN WARSAW AND POLISH VICE MINISTER CZYREK ILLUSTRATES EUASTERN EUROPEAN CONCERNS ABOUT CHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON ARIE HOYTINK, MFA DIRECTOR OF EAST ASIAN AFFAIRS, TO GET DUTCH VIEWS ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CHINESE-JAPANESE TREATY. IN THE DISCUSSION HOYTINK GAVE A RATHER COMPLETE RUNDOWN OF THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND CHINA, AS WELL AS DUTCH VIEWS OF THAT COUNTRY'S ROLE IN EAST ASIA. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT PEKING FOR 10 DAYS AT THE END OF JANUARY. THIS VISIT IS IN RETURN FOR THE VISIT THREE MONTHS AGO TO THE NETHERLANDS OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA.

3. HOYTINK PROVIDED FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE DUTCH RESPONSE TO THE RECENT REQUEST BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO ACCOMMODATE A NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE NETHERLANDS (SEE THE HAGUE 4472-NOTAL). HE SAID THE DUTCH HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT CHINESE STUDENTS BUT HAVE POINTED OUT THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO DO SO AS EARLY AS THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL TERM NEXT MONTH, WHICH THE CHINESE HAD REQUESTED. IN THEIR RESPONSE THE DUTCH COMMENTED TO THE CHINESE THAT UNIVERSITIES ARE ALREADY CROWDED HERE  
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AND HOUSING IS A PROBLEM FOR STUDENTS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHINESE WERE TOLD THAT 50 POSTGRADUATE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL STUDENTS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EINDHOVEN THIS FALL, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE TO LIVE IN TRAILERS. THE DUTCH HAVE ASKED THE CHINESE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION OF THE STUDENTS, WITH DETAILS REGARDING THE NUMBER OF COURSES, THE LEVEL OF EXAMINATIONS, THE HOURS DEVOTED TO EACH SUBJECT, ETC. WHEN THE RESPONSE IS RECEIVED TO THESE QUESTIONS, THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE WILL MEET TO DECIDE HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AND WHERE THEY WILL BE PLACED. THE DUTCH UNDERSTAND THAT SIMILAR REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE OF SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THAT REPLIES SIMILAR TO THAT FROM THE NETHERLANDS HAVE BEEN MADE, EXCEPT THAT THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE GIVEN A COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT STUDENTS TO THE TERM BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY AND SWEDEN HAS ALREADY BEGUN GIVING LANGUAGE LESSONS TO A SMALL NUMBER OF CHINESE STUDENTS.

4. REGARDING THE TREATY, HOYTINK SAID IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY  
A VERY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT BUT THE NETHERLANDS IS

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INCLINED TO VIEW IT WITH CAUTION IN VIEW OF ITS POSSIBLE  
IMPLICATIONS. A STUDY RECENTLY PREPARED WITHIN THE  
MINISTRY CONCLUDES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WEST TO STUDY  
THE CHANGES WHICH THE TREATY WILL BRING IN THE RELATIONSHIPS  
AMOUNG COUNTRIES IN EAST ASIA IN ORDER NOT TO BE UNPLEASANTLY  
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SURPRISED IF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN THOSE WE WOULD WISH. THE DUTCH ALSO SEE SOME POSSIBLE DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE JAPANESE. WHILE THEY HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY HAD A FOREIGN POLICY OF INVOLVEMENT IN ANY AREA, NOW THEY HAVE TAKEN ON A MAJOR GOAL IN AN AREA WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO THEM. AFTER HAVING BEEN RATHER "PROVINCIAL" FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, JAPAN MAY NOW BE DRAWN BY PEKING INTO A MAJOR CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION. FUKUDA APPEARS TO HAVE HAD DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND WHEN HE SIGNED THE TREATY AND PERHAPS DID NOT REALIZE FULLY ITS INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS. THE DUTCH ALSO SEE GREAT ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR ASIA ARISING FROM A COMBINATION OF JAPANESE KNOW-HOW, CHINESE, LABOR, AND A READY MARKET IN SOUTHEAST ASIA; THE AREA COULD DEVELOP INTO A MAJOR ECONOMIC UNIT WITHIN A FEW YEARS.

5. THE TREATY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS WILL BE MORE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED AT A MEETING OF DUTCH AMBASSADORS IN TOKYO IN OCTOBER. THE MEETING WILL BRING TOGETHER VAN DER KLAUW AND HIS AMBASSADORS FROM THE FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES, PEKING, TOKYO, HANOI, AND SEOUL AND THE CONSUL GENERAL FROM HONG KONG. PRIOR TO THAT, VAN DER KLAUW WILL VISIT INDIA. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EXIST THERE AND THE PRINCIPAL REASON FOR THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO HOYTINK, IS TO MEET A REQUEST FROM THE INDIANS. THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR HERE HAD TOLD VAN DER KLAUW THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING WAYS TO DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION IN INDIA TO THE FACT THAT THE WEST IS CONCERNED ABOUT THAT COUNTRY AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT THE ONLY ACTOR THERE. VAN DER KLAUW LEAVES THE HAGUE OCTOBER 10 FOR NEW DELHI, DEPARTS FROM NEW DELHI OCTOBER 14 FOR TOKYO, FLIES TO SEOUL OCTOBER 22 AND RETURNS TO THE HAGUE OCTOBER 25.

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6. HOYTINK THEN READ FROM A CABLE FROM THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN WARSAW QUOTING A CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD A FEW DAYS AGO WITH VICE MINISTER CZYREK. THE MINISTER WARNED THE DUTCH ABOUT CHINA WHICH, HE SAID, IS NOW ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN POLICIES AIMED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE CHINA IS NOT YET AS AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR WAR AS ARE THE OTHER TWO POWERS AND SEEMS MUCH MORE WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED CONFLICT. THE EUROPEANS MUST BE AWARE THAT CHINA WILL USE JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE FOR ITS OWN ANTI-SOVIET PURPOSES AND SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT SUPPLYING CHINA WITH WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DUTCH

AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA IS A RELATIVELY NEW CONSIDERATION FOR POLAND, THE NETHERLANDS HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EAST ASIA FOR SEVERAL CENTURIES. CZYREK WENT TO TO SAY THAT WESTERN EUROPE MUST BE AWARE THAT AN INCREASE OF GLOBAL PRESSURE ON MOSCOW WILL NOT LEAD TO AN EASING IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THERE SHOULD THEREFORE BE NO SCHADENFREUDE ON THE PART OF THE WEST ABOUT MOSCOW'S DISCOMFIT REGARDING RECENT CHINESE MOVES. THE MINISTER CONCLUDED BY SAING THAT WESTERN EUROPE SHOULD NOT USE THE CHINESE CARD BECAUSE THAT PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF THE HARDLINERS IN MOSCOW, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH HE WOULD VERY MUCH REGRET. THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LATTER REMARKS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED, INASMUCH AS HE AND THE MINISTER WERE ALONE IN THEIR LONG AND SERIOUS CONVERSATION.

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